Promotion of Officers Belonging to Reserve Categories

†2735. SHRIMATI JAMANA DEVI BARUPAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether consequent upon implementation of post-wise reservation the junior officers belong to general category may be promoted before the senior officers belong to SCs/STs/OBCs classes in case of non-existence of the vacant posts for these categories;

(b) if so, whether the reservation policy is meant for upliftment of the officers belonging to SCs/STs/OBCs; and

(c) if so, whether it is upliftment when the junior officers belonging to the general category gets promotion before the officers belong to SCs/STs/OBCs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Any senior Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe/Other Backward Caste candidate cannot be denied promotion on the plea that the post is not reserved. Such a candidate will be considered for promotion to an unreserved post alongwith others and if selected on his own merit will be appointed to the post and adjusted against the unreserved point of reservation roster.

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